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TAGS: PGOV BC
SUBJ: PRESIDENT KHAMA'S RETURN

REF: GABORONE 1546

1. AFTER MORE THAN TWO WEEKS ABSENCE, PRESIDENT SIR SERETSE KHAMA RETURNED TO GABORONE FROM LONDON AFTERNOON JULY 28 ACCOMPANIED BY LADY KHAMA, PERSONAL AIDES AND PHYSICIAN. OFFICE OF PRESIDENT HAD ANNOUNCED HIS RETURN AND LARGE CROWD OF MINISTERS, OTHER GOB OFFICIALS, DIPLOMATS AND SEVERAL HUNDRED ONLOOKERS WERE ON HAND TO WELCOME HIM.

2. PRES KHAMA SHOWED NO OUTWARD SIGNS, AS HE SHOOK HANDS WITH RANKING OFFICIALS AND DIPLOMATS, MOVING ABOUT AND LAUGHING, THAT HE WAS SUFFERING ILL EFFECTS OF OPERATION (TO RELOCATE PACEMAKER) OR OF DIABETES (FOR WHICH HE WAS BEING TREATED).

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3. UK HICOM TURNER SAYS PRESIDENT'S DOCTORS HAVE ORDERED A MONTH'S CONVALESCENCE. THIS NO DOUBT ACCOUNTS FOR THE CORRECTION IN JULY 28 "DAILY NEWS" OF PREVIOUS DAY'S STORY THAT PRESIDENT WOULD OPEN GABORONE TRADE FAIR. JULY 28 PAPER SAYS NEW MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY NWAKO WILL "READ PRESIDENT'S OPENING SPEECH" ON JULY 29. SAME ARTICLE, HOWEVER, SAYS THAT PRESIDENT MAY ATTEND OPENING CEREMONY. LATE JULY 28, THIS WAS

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AGAIN REVERSED AND IT WAS ANNOUNCED THAT PRESIDENT WOULD SPEAK AT FAIR OPENING.

4. COMMENT: APPARENT AMBIGUITY CONCERNING PRESIDENT'S HEALTH IS PROBABLY AN ACCURATE DESCRIPTION. HE LOOKS HEALTHY AND VIGOROUS, IS UNINHIBITED IN HIS MOVEMENTS AND SHOWS NO SIGNS OF WEAKNESS. YET DOCTORS WARN US THAT APPEARANCES CAN BE DECEPTIVE ESPECIALLY WHERE DIABETES IS CONCERNED, AND THERE MUST BE SOME REASON FOR DOCTOR'S PRESCRIPTION OF ONE MONTH'S CONVALESCENCE. THE PRESIDENT HIMSELF DOES NOT MAKE A SECRET OF HOW HE FEELS AND WE, THEREFORE, EXPECT TO LEARN SOON TO WHAT EXTENT HE WILL BE ACCESSIBLE DURING COMING MONTH.
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